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Please find ~~below~~ a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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Notice of Incomplete response by Applicant

The reply filed on November 12, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to argue how the new claims 21-25 would distinguish over the applied prior art of record. See 37 CFR 1.111(b). Moreover, it is unclear what claim is being amended at the top of page 4 of Applicant's response. Claim 16 ends at the bottom of page 3. The top of page 4 begins without a claim number. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

  
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